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Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

Roseburg, Ore – The Roseburg Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on April 26 from 9 AM to 12 PM in the auditorium at the Roseburg District Office on 777 Garden Valley Blvd, Roseburg.

This is the first meeting of the year for the RAC and they will be discussing the schedule for the upcoming year and also distributing project folders.

The Committee is one of five established in western Oregon Bureau of Land Management districts that contain Oregon & California (O&C) Grant Lands and Coos Bay Wagon Road lands. These Committees, as provided in the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393), will review and recommend projects to the BLM using nearly \$8 million dollars.

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 establishes a six-year payment schedule to local counties in lieu of funds derived from the harvest of timber on federal lands, which have dropped dramatically over the past 10 years. The Act creates a new mechanism for local community collaboration with federal land management activities in the selection of projects to be conducted on federal lands or that will benefit resources on federal lands using O&C/County funds under Title II of the Act.

For more information about the Resource Advisory Committee, log on to www.blm.or/roseburg or stop by the Roseburg Bureau of Land Management office on 777 Garden Valley Blvd in Roseburg.